

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, February 19, 2015

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning and Sustainability

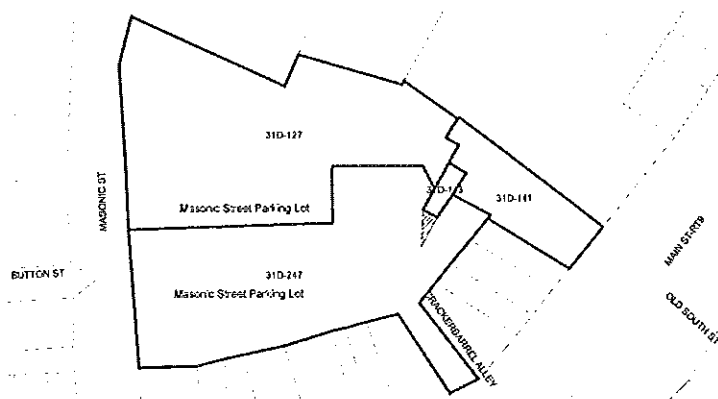
WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation & Multi-Use Trail Plan (2011-2018)* recommends a Pavement-to-Parks program, preserving small previously urbanized or paved areas as parklets; and

WHEREAS, There is a public interest in providing handicap accessible entrance to buildings to serve all populations and promote commercial vitality; and

WHEREAS, The City has previously provided leases at market value for projects providing access to private space (e.g., Thornes Market/ConVino and Fitzwilly's/Toasted Owl) and leases at no cost for projects providing public access and benefits (e.g., Roundhouse landscaping); and

WHEREAS, The City has received a request for the development of a 200± square foot public parklet, with a handicap ramp which would serve the parklet and an abutting business, in an unused area off Amber Lane that is not needed by Central Services or DPW; and

WHEREAS, The abutting business has committed to build and maintain the public parklet;



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED,**

The City Council declares as surplus to city needs said land to allow the development of a parklet; and

Further, the City Council authorizes that the Mayor to sign a lease for up to ten years for such parklet, provided that such lease:

- Be recorded in the Registry of Deeds and comply with MGL c. 30B,
- Ensure unfettered public access to the parklet,
- Reserve the right of the city to approve the final design, and
- Include such other terms and conditions as the Mayor finds reasonable;

Further, the City Council authorizes the Mayor to renew the lease two times upon the termination of the original lease if the Mayor finds that such renewal is not inconsistent with public access and public needs.